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SUBJECT: Vital Materials Program

REFERENCE: CIA Regulation [REDACTED] dated 14 July 1951

RESCISSION: OTR Notice 20-53, dated 4 August 1953

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### 1. GENERAL

Referenced regulation established a Vital Materials Program within CIA. Documents, books, papers, maps, etc., that are considered vital are to be identified and transferred to a repository for safe-keeping. Within OTR, the program will be administered by the Area Records Officer.

### 2. VITAL MATERIALS

Vital materials are defined as those specific items in the possession of CIA which are essential to the Agency on a continuing basis and which, in the event of destruction, would constitute a serious or irreplaceable loss.

### 3. RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. Each Staff and School Chief will designate a senior officer to be responsible for carrying out the program in his component. The names of the designees will be given to the Area Records Officer, OTR.
- b. Designated officers will establish a program within their components to:
  - (1) Develop criteria for identifying vital materials.
  - (2) Review materials in their possession to identify those which are vital.
  - (3) Assure that copies of vital materials are marked as such and transmitted to the Area Records Officer as they are produced.
  - (4) Prepare a schedule of any vital materials regularly produced by their components.

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c. The Area Records Officer will:

- (1) Advise Staff and School Chiefs and their designees in the identification of vital materials.
- (2) Compile and submit to the CIA Vital Materials Officer a general schedule of OTR vital materials.
- (3) Coordinate reproduction of copies of documents where necessary.
- (4) Transmit vital materials to the repository.
- (5) Maintain necessary records of OTR materials placed in the repository.
- (6) Periodically review the program to assure that materials are placed in the repository on a current basis.

  
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